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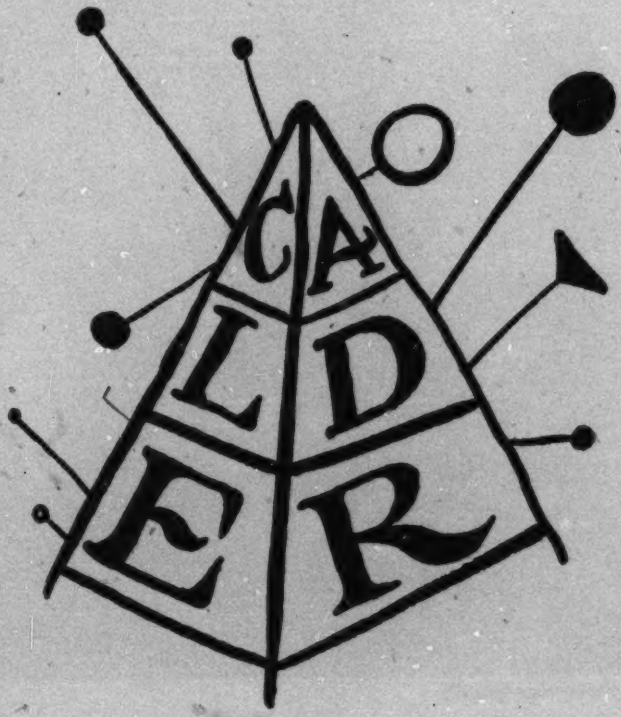

BUCHHOLZ GALLERY

CURT VALENTIN

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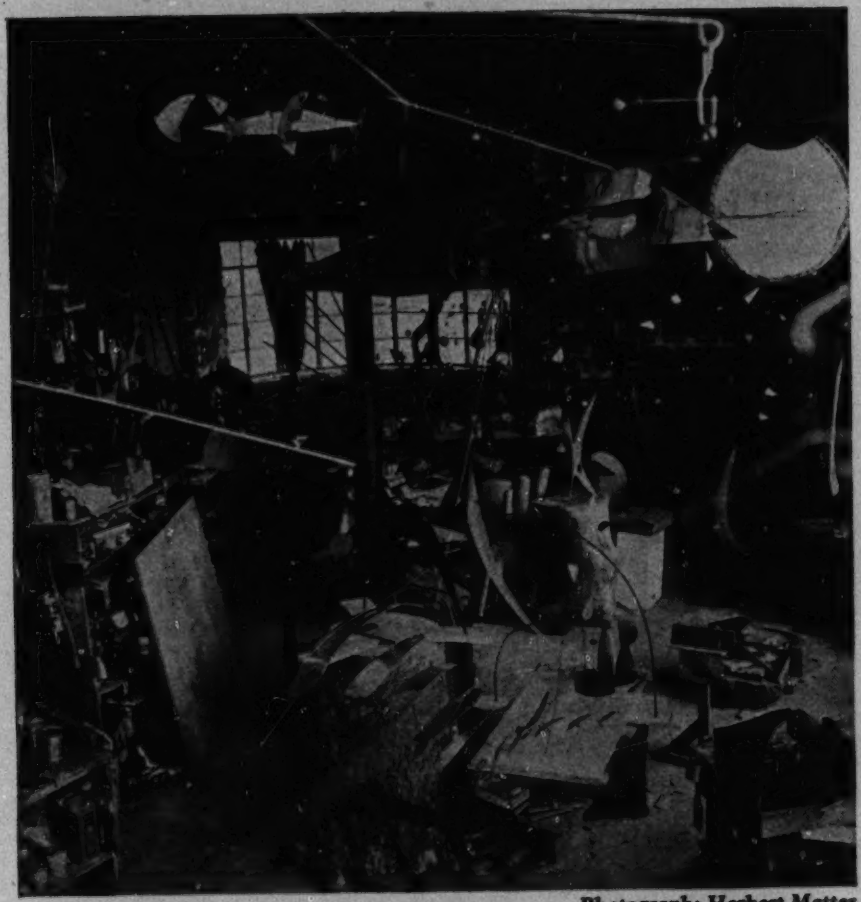

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The Studio of Alexander Calder

Newcomer from Europe, as they say,
It is true that over there iron and copper are instruments only
of evil
adding death to death and to degraded life
I fled, a fortunate fugitive,

The day and the night opened before
Wings—algae—mobile leaves.
I salute you forger of giant dragon-flies
Mercury-diviner your well disclosed
A water heavy as tears.
But a merry-go-round of little scarlet moons fills me with joy
I think of a transparent circus
It is a leaf traversed by the sun.
One green day you saw a red bird
Pursuing a yellow bird;
you know that we are bound to nature
that we belong to the earth.
Hung from the studio's rafters,
in the striped light a gong sensitive to the whims of the air
is struck with extreme caution
Its note is the footfall of a dove: what hour does it strike?

This is the hour of the child with the cherries.
Here the seconds have not the weight of the clock
nor do they lie quiet in the grass
for they cannot conceive of immobility
they love the rustling of reeds
and the cry of the tree-toad so expert at musical breathing
and they play between your fingers, Calder, my friend.

ANDRÉ MASSON

English Translation by Ralph Manheim

Mobiles

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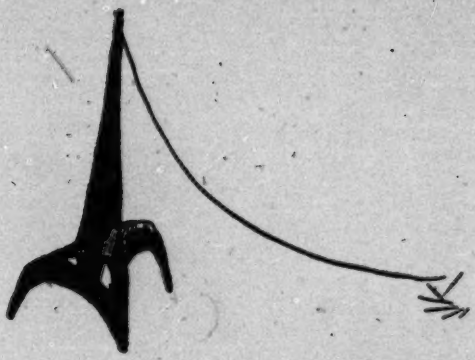
More Extreme Cantilever



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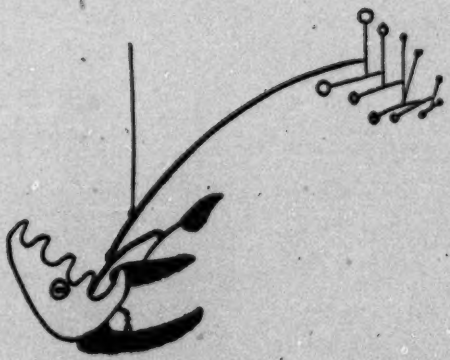
Broken Face



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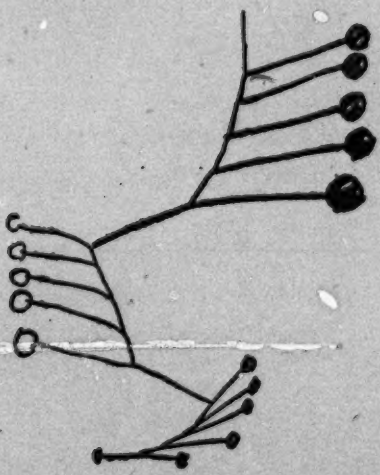

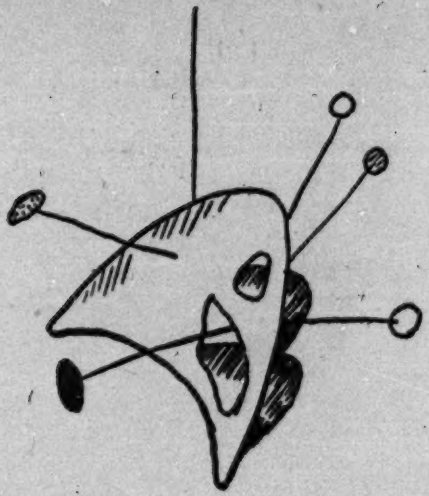

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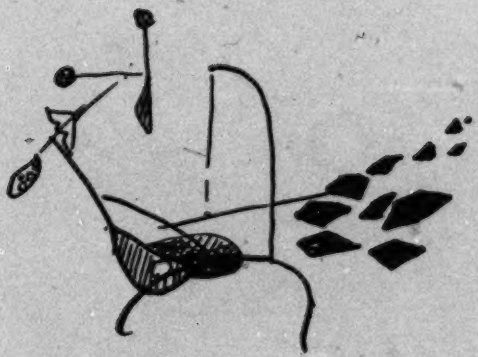
Horse's Skull as an Arch Form



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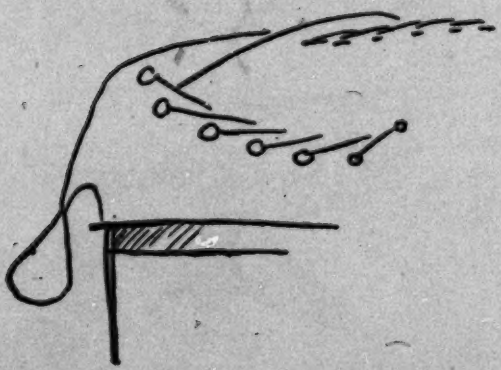
Large Peacock



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Orange under Table

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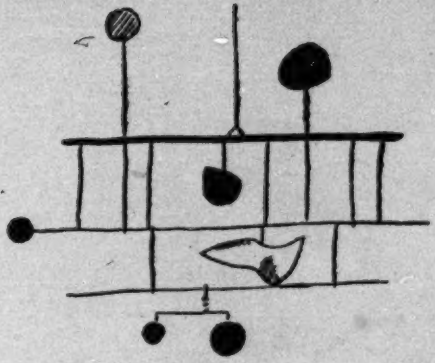
The Bleriot



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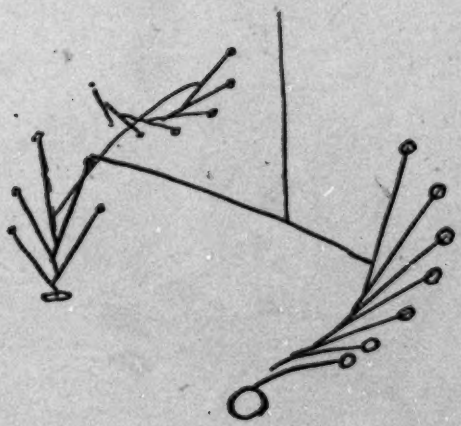
Gypsophila



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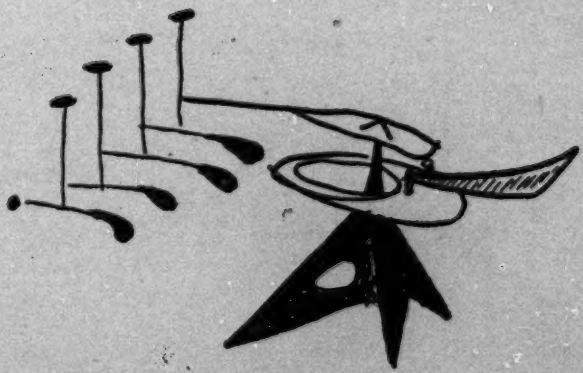
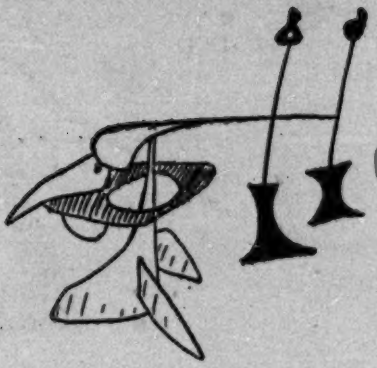
Blue Feather





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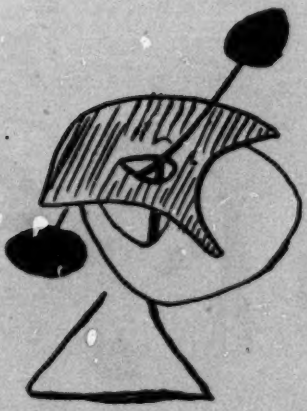
Black II



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Mushroom Has Red Face

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Blue Crescent

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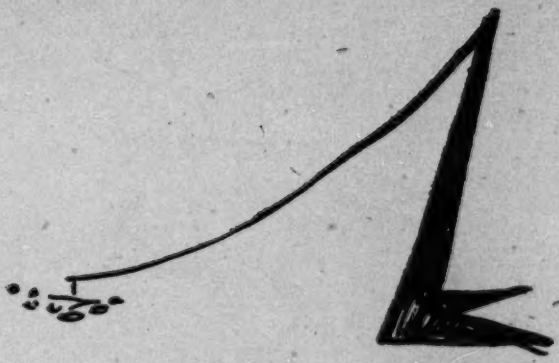
Extreme Cantilever



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Pomegranate

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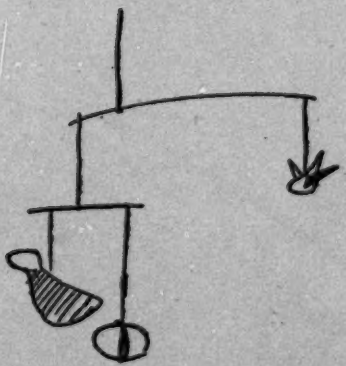
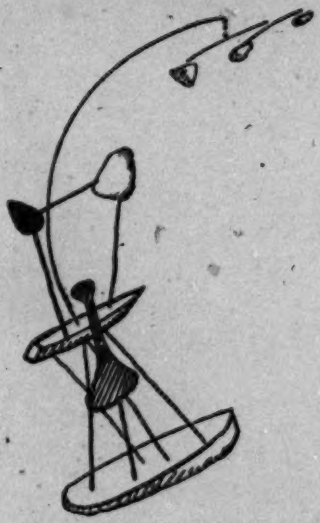
The New Ritou





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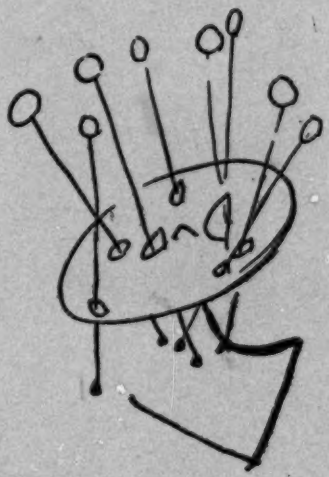
Constellation (for mantel)



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Aspen

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